

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for initiating an online meeting over a data network between a host party with a first computer and an attendee party with a second computer, where a phone connection exists over a telephone network between a first phone of the host party and a second phone of the attendee party, the method comprising:

receiving a start meeting command at a first adaptor coupled to the first phone and the first computer;

in response to the first adaptor receiving the start meeting command, causing the first computer to send~~sending~~ a start meeting message over the data network to a data center;

receiving a meeting identification from the data center;

storing the meeting identification in a the first adaptor device, which is coupled to both the first phone and the first computer; and

transmitting the meeting identification from the first adaptor device over the telephone network to a second adaptor device, which is coupled to both the second phone and the second computer.

- 1 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising:
- 2 receiving the meeting identification into the second adaptor device; and
- 3 using the second adaptor device to send a join meeting message over the data net-
- 4 work to the data center.

- 1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the telephone network comprises a public
2 switched telephone network.
- 1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the data network comprises an internet.
- 1 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 encoding the meeting identification by the first adaptor device prior to transmitting
3 the meeting identification over the telephone network to the second adaptor device.
- 1 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the second adaptor device re-
2 ceives the meeting identification by monitoring the phone connection to detect the en-
3 coded meeting identification.
- 1 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein said encoding converts the meeting identi-
2 fication into a dual tone multiple frequency (DTMF) signal.
- 1 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 initiating an audio recording of the meeting by user input on one of said adaptors
3 devices.
- 1 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 recording audio of the meeting from the phone connection through one of said
3 ~~adaptors~~ devices to the computer coupled thereto.

1 10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 recording audio of the meeting from the phone connection within flash memory of
3 one of the said ~~adaptors~~ devices.

1 11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 enabling a privilege-to-record field for the attendee prior to allowing an audio re-
3 cording of the meeting by way of the second ~~adaptor~~ device.

1 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 a third party with a third computer joining the meeting using a third ~~adaptor de-~~
3 ~~vise~~ which is coupled to both a third phone and a third computer.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2 receiving an audio message from the data center and playing the audio message to
3 one of said parties.

1 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the audio message includes instructions
2 relating to the meeting.

1 15-28. (Canceled)

1 29. (Currently Amended) An adaptor product configured to bridge a telephone network
2 and a data network, the adaptor product comprising:

3 means for receiving a start meeting command at the adaptor product;

4 means for causing, in response to the adaptor product receiving the start meeting
5 command, a first computer to transmitting a start meeting message over the data network
6 to a data center;

7 means for receiving a meeting identification from the data center into the adaptor
8 product; and

9 means for transmitting the meeting identification from the adaptor product over
10 the telephone network to a second adaptor product.

1 30-35. (Canceled)

1 36. (New) An apparatus comprising:

2 a plurality of interfaces operable to couple the apparatus to a first phone and a
3 first computer;

4 a user input mechanism operable to receive a start meeting command;

5 a microprocessor operable to cause the first computer to send a start meeting mes-
6 sage over a data network to a data center, in response to receipt of the start meeting
7 command;

8 a memory operable to store a meeting identification received from the data center;
9 and
10 wherein the microprocessor is further operable to cause the first phone to transmit
11 the meeting identification over a telephone network to a second apparatus, which is cou-
12 pled to a second phone and a second computer.

1 37. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:
2 a codec operable to encode the meeting identification prior to transmission of the
3 meeting identification over the telephone network to the second apparatus.

1 38. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:
2 a modem operable to convert the meeting identification into a dual tone multiple
3 frequency (DTMF) signal.

1 39. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, further comprising:
2 a flash memory operable to store an audio recording of the meeting.

1 40. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the plurality of interfaces include a Uni-
2 versal Serial Bus (USB) interface operable to couple the apparatus to the first computer
3 and registered jack (RJ) interface operable to couple the apparatus to the first phone.

1 41. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the plurality of interfaces are further oper-
2 able to receive an audio message to be played from the data center.

1 42. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the plurality of interfaces are further oper-
2 able to receive an audio message, wherein the audio message includes instructions relat-
3 ing to the meeting.